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April 13, 2018

UCAB Quality of Life Committee Meeting
Monday, April 16, 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Discussion: "Safety & Security in Schools"

*Guests: Robert Hellmuth, Director, Department of Safety and Security, MCPS
Cmdr. David Anderson (1st District Police), Cmdr. Dinesh Patil (6th District Police),
Lt. Amy Daum for Cmdr. Mark Plazinski (5th District Police)*

All board and committee meetings are open to the public!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Montgomery County Citizenship & Legal Immigration Fair
Saturday, April 14 12:30pm-4:00pm
Blair High School Cafeteria
51 University Blvd E, Silver Spring

Questions on TPS/DACA? Interested in becoming a citizen? Have other legal immigration questions?

Mock Citizenship Interviews and Q&A with USCIS

Meet with Citizenship and Legal Immigration Service Providers in Montgomery County

County Executive Ike Leggett and Council President Hans Reimer at 1pm

- ➔ 1:00pm DISCUSSION AND Q&A WITH MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEADERS, MODERATED BY ALONSO CASTILLO FROM TELEMUNDO 44
- ➔ 2:00pm BREAKOUT SESSIONS: CITIZENSHIP, TPS/DACA and KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Spanish Interpreters Available

For interpreters in other languages, including sign language, please call or email at least 72 hours ahead of time to make a request. We accommodate all language requests. Send an email to diane.vu@montgomerycountymd.gov or call 240.777.8320

Donate during Give and Ride (April 15 - 21)

From Sunday, April 15 through Saturday, April 21, Ride On's **Give and Ride** program invites passengers to donate food in exchange for a free ride. Donations go to Manna Food Center, which provides food to approximately 11,000 families and 2,800 elementary school students. Interested residents also can donate directly to **Manna Food**.

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council and Montgomery County Public Schools to Host 9th Annual Choose Respect Conference about Teen Dating Sunday, April 15 12:00n – 4:00pm Richard Montgomery High School 250 Richard Montgomery Drive, Rockville

The Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, in partnership with Montgomery County Public Schools, is hosting the free conference that will address teen dating and ways to establish healthy relationships. It is for 6th through 12th grade students, parents, youth service providers, educators and others. [One in three adolescents](#) in the U.S. is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds rates of other types of youth violence. Conference attendees will learn about various ways to end the cycle of dating violence.

At the beginning of the Choose Respect Conference, there will be a resource fair with community organizations as well as live music and a red carpet where attendees can take selfies with DJs from iHeart Radio stations. Toby Knapp of iHeart Radio 97.1, will emcee the opening ceremony. Winners will be announced for the annual Choose Respect PSA Contest and raffle prizes.

The Conference will consist of workshops organized by age group where attendees can learn about healthy friendships, dating violence and bystander intervention. Workshops for parents will address how to talk to your child about relationships. *The workshops will be offered in English and Spanish.* The conference will end with free pizza.

For more information and to register to attend, please visit <http://chooserespect2018.eventbrite.com/>

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The Month of April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Every 98 seconds in the United States, a person is the victim of a sexual assault. The Montgomery County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) held an evening to proclaim support, honor victims, and showcase information about the services the County can provide to victims and their families. The Montgomery County **Family Justice Center** is a one-stop location that offers many resources.

Council introduces changes to improve development review process for business headquarters with 25,000 or more employees *Also: Zoning changes to help promote farm alcohol production and a discussion on strategies for expanding pre-kindergarten and early care programs*

See details and links to staff reports at
https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgpportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22012

MDOT-SHA Seeks Input for I-495 and I-270 Managed Lanes Study at Public Open Houses in April in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties

*Citizens Encouraged to Attend Mid-April Evening Meetings in Upper Marlboro, **Clarksburg, Bethesda** and Greenbelt*

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) will hold four public open houses in April for the I-495 and I-270 Managed Lanes Study, which is the first step for public input on the Traffic Relief Plan to reduce congestion on two of the state's most heavily traveled highways. The National Capital region is one of the most congested in the nation with some of the highest commuting times.

MDOT SHA, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the I-495 and I-270 Managed Lanes Study to identify innovative transportation solutions to reduce congestion.

The study considers improvements along the entire length of I-495 (Capital Beltway) in Maryland, as well as the entire length of I-270 (Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Highway) up to I-70 in Frederick County, Maryland. The I-495 and I-270 Managed Lanes Study extends along I-495 from south of the American Legion Bridge in Virginia to east of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and on I-270 from I-495 to I-370, including the east and west spurs. The study will include a review of existing and future traffic, existing roadway infrastructure, and environmental conditions to identify alternatives and assess potential impacts.

The four public open houses will solicit public input regarding the scope of the study, including the purpose and need, potential alternatives to be considered, and environmental impacts to be evaluated. The open house dates and locations are as follows:

Tuesday, April 17; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Henry Wise Jr. High School

12650 Brook Lane

Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Thursday, April 19; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Bethesda Chevy Chase High School

4301 East West Highway

Bethesda, MD 20814

Wednesday, April 18; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Clarksburg High School

22500 Wims Road

Clarksburg, MD 20871

Tuesday, April 24; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School

7601 Hanover Parkway

Greenbelt, MD 20770

All open houses related to the study will be held in locations accessible to persons with disabilities. Any person requiring special assistance, such as a language interpreter, should contact 1-833-858-5960 or via email at 495-270-P3@sha.state.md.us at least 48 hours before the workshop they want to attend.

CONTACT INFORMATION: The public and other interested parties are encouraged to comment on-line at the study's website (www.495-270-P3.com), via email at 495-270-P3@sha.state.md.us, or by hard copy during the public workshops. Hard copy comments can also be mailed to the I-495 and I-270 P3 Project Office at the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration, 707 North Calvert Street, Mail Stop P-601, Baltimore MD 21202.

**Montgomery County Public Libraries Celebrates Vinyl Culture with
JUST FOR THE RECORD – A VINYL DAY
Saturday, April 21 11:00am – 4:00pm
Silver Spring Library
900 Wayne Avenue**

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) presents Just for the Record -A Vinyl Day ----- a free event, for customers of all ages, that is a celebration of vinyl music, its culture, art and sound. There will be panel discussions related to vinyl, recording and collecting; DJ performances; karaoke; vinyl trivia; makerspace activities for the whole family and demonstrations with turntables and vinyl records.

For more see http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22014

African American Health Program Community Day Planned for April 21

The public is invited to the African American Health Program’s fifth annual Community Day on Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Montgomery College’s Takoma Park Campus. The event will be held at the Charlene R. Nunley Student Services Center, located at 7625 Fenton Street in Silver Spring.

The theme of the event is M.O.V.E. – Making Obesity Virtually Extinct - and will feature health screenings, health education and physical fitness demonstrations and activities. There will be hand dancing, Zumba, a children’s puppet show, nutrition workshops with food tastings, activities for young participants and more. A drumming ceremony will be performed by Jabari Exum, choreographer for the Black Panther movie.

April is National Minority Health Month and chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes and issues such as infant mortality deaths disproportionately affect Black/African Americans as compared to other races and ethnicities.

If you need sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids or services to participate in the event, please contact Arlee Wallace at 240-777-1451 or arlee.wallace@montgomerycountymd.gov with as much advance notice as possible, preferably three business days before the event.

Community partners include Montgomery College; Xi Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Iota Upsilon Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; National Medical Association; Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc; Eta Pi Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; Montgomery County, MD section of National Council of Negro Women, Inc.; Links, Inc.; Holy Cross Hospital, Howard University School of Dentistry; University of Maryland School of Nursing; Black Ministers Conference of Montgomery County; the County Executive’s African American, African and Caribbean Affairs Advisory Boards; and the Office of Human Rights. Event volunteers are from local organizations such as churches, community representatives, local and state programs, fitness gyms/trainers and individuals.

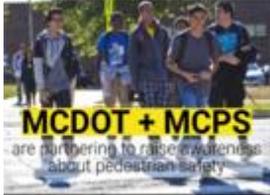
For more information, visit www.aahpmontgomerycounty.org or call 240-777-1833.

New Signage for Rustic Roads



Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett joined County Councilmembers Roger Berliner and Marc Elrich to celebrate the new brown signs being installed throughout our County to help people identify our rustic roadways. Montgomery County has almost 200 miles of protected, rustic roads. “Rustic Roads” are historic and scenic roadways that reflect the agricultural character and rural origins of the County.

MCDOT Partnership with Public Schools Featured at Leggett's Launch of "Stay Alert, Stay Alive" Awareness and Enforcement Campaign



The National Safety Council has designated the month of April as Distracted Driving Awareness month. To promote safety, Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett launched the "Stay Alert, Stay Alive" awareness and enforcement campaign to curb distracted driving and distracted walking. The campaign includes the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) and Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) collaboration during Teen Pedestrian Safety Week, April 23 to 27, to reduce collisions resulting from distracted driving and walking. **During the last five years, drivers have hit at least 292 teen pedestrians in Montgomery County, and five of those teens died.** In addition to promoting safety through education, MCDOT also makes traffic engineering improvements throughout the County, including the types of **safety-related enhancements recently completed or underway** in the North Wheaton community where Leggett made his announcement near Wheaton High School.

The "Stay Alert, Stay Alive" campaign is part of Montgomery County's Vision Zero initiative to reduce severe and fatal collisions among vehicle occupants, bicyclists and pedestrians. The National Safety Council has identified April as **Distracted Driving Awareness** month. Read more about the **campaign** and **Vision Zero**.

Teen Pedestrian Safety Week, April 23 to 27

See video at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/safety/>

Montgomery County Law Enforcement Agencies and DHHS to Participate in DEA Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day; An Opportunity to Help Prevent Opioid Abuse by Safe Disposal of Unused Opioid Prescriptions

Saturday, April 28 10:00am – 2:00pm

Community members can drop off unused, unwanted, or expired prescription drugs, as Montgomery County once again participates in the Washington Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA's) National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. County law enforcement agencies and the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse Prevention Office are co-sponsoring the effort. This is a safe, free and anonymous opportunity to dispose of unused, unwanted or expired prescription drugs and is part of a national effort to prevent the increasing problems of prescription drug abuse and theft that continues to occur nationwide.

Drop-off locations will be open to the public throughout Montgomery County. These locations will accept prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications only. Liquids, illicit drugs, needles, sharps and syringes cannot be accepted as part of this take-back program. Officers will staff collection boxes in the parking lots of the following Upcounty facilities or in facility lobbies:

Gaithersburg:

- **MCP 6th District Station** **45-A West Watkins Mill Rd.**
- Gaithersburg Police Station 14 Fulks Corner Avenue
- Asbury Methodist Village – Apartment Center Lobby 301 Odendhal Ave, Bldg. 405
- Senior Living at Kentlands Manor 217 Booth St., Kentlands

Germantown:

- **MCP 5th District Station** **20000 Aircraft Drive**

For more instructions and locations, read more at https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22020

Design for Life Showcase
Saturday, May 5 9:00am-2:00pm
Silver Spring Civic Building
One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring
Building accessible homes



The 2018 Design for Life Showcase is the only event that brings building professionals, designers, architects and product providers together with residents to demonstrate some of the best designs and products available to for accessible homes. Residents get a chance to see accessible home designs and products and speak with the building professionals and find out about the Montgomery County Design for Life Property Tax Credit. Accessible homes for all ages and stages of life!

- [Register for the showcase](#)
- [Learn more about the Design for Life program](#)



Montgomery County Affordable Housing Summit
Friday, May 11 8:30am-4:30pm
Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center
5701 Marinelli Rd, Rockville

2018 Theme:

Today's New Reality of Affordable Living: Housing, Transportation, Healthcare and Economic Development

The Affordable Housing Conference of Montgomery County (AHCMC) believes that affordable, decent, and safe housing is an inalienable right—and not a privilege—for every American.

For more information on the Summit, visit <http://www.affordablehousingconference.org/>

Launching the Interfaith Network

County Executive Ike Leggett announced the official launch of the [Interfaith Network of Montgomery County \(INMC\)](#) at the Silver Spring Civic Building addressing its value in creating a welcoming, resilient and inclusive county. The INMC is a public-private partnership between the Montgomery County Faith Community Advisory Council and Interfaith Works. The INMC combines resources of hundreds of faith communities together in creating a compassionate, just and peaceful community. The launching event included a resource fair assembled for faith communities to empower programs including security, social justice, religious land use and religious education. [See press release](#)

SHADES OF SPRING 2018
April 11 - 15
The Kay Gallery
BlackRock Center for the Arts
12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown

MEET THE ARTISTS RECEPTION / SUNDAY, APRIL 15 / 1:00 – 3:00 PM / FREE



Twice a year The Arts League of Germantown (ALOG) hosts a special (free) five-day indoor fine art and craft show featuring original paintings, drawings, photography, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, fiber art, fused glass, and more created by local artist members of the League. Visit the show and find something you like!

April 11-13 4:00pm-7:00pm
 April 14 11:00am-8:00pm
 April 15 12:00n-5:00pm

Assistant Chief Luther Reynolds Retiring with 29 Years of Dedicated Service; Beginning New Role as Charleston South Carolina’s Police Chief



On April 9, 2018, Montgomery County Police Assistant Chief Luther Reynolds completed his last tour of duty after 29 years of service with the Montgomery County Police Department. He will become the City of Charleston (South Carolina) Police Department’s new Police Chief on April 16.

Assistant Chief Reynolds grew up in Gaithersburg and attended Seneca Valley High School. Upon graduating from Florida State University in 1988, Luther Reynolds was hired by the Department as a civilian employee handling budgets and planning and policy issues. He entered the police academy in August of 1989.

His first assignment was as a patrol officer in the 5th Police District, which at that time combined coverage of both the Gaithersburg and Germantown areas. Reynolds rose through the ranks from Patrol Officer to Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain/Commander, to Assistant Chief. Through the years, he has served in many positions to include Deputy Director of the 4th District, Commander of the 2nd District and 5th District, Director of the Personnel Division, Director of the Training and Education Division, and Director of the Special Operations Division. Since his appointment to an Assistant Chief in 2013, he has served as Chief of two bureaus: the Management Services Bureau and the Patrol Services Bureau.

Assistant Chief Darryl McSwain Retires from the Montgomery County Department of Police to Become Chief of Maryland-National Capital Park Police – Montgomery County Division



Montgomery County Department of Police Assistant Chief Darryl McSwain is retiring from the department to accept a new appointment as Chief of the Maryland-National Capital Park Police – Montgomery County Division. He will assume his new law enforcement leadership role on May 7, 2018.

Assistant Chief McSwain joined the department in 1988 and completes 30 years of service, retiring from his current position as the Chief of the Field Services Bureau. That position oversees the Animal Services Division, the District Court Liaison, Public Information Office, Security Services Division, Special Operations Division, the Crisis Support and Response Division, and the Traffic Division.

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For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingervices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org>